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1. SUMMARY. US, WITH CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FORM OTHER COUNTRIES, SUCCEEDED IN FOCUSSING CUG ATTENTION ON NEED TO DEFINE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM IF FORMS OF SPECIFICS.
ALONG LINES POSITION PAPERS, REF (C). US ALSO SUCCEEDED IN (I) MAINTAINING HIGH LEVEL INTEREST IN DATA SECURITY, (II) INTRODUCING NEW CONCEPT OF FUTURE USES FOR COMPUTERS, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO AUTOMATED REMOTE CONTROL EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF ENERGY RESOURCES. (III) REMOVING OVER-TIGHT LINK TO TELE-COMMUNICATIONS IN PROPOSED NEW MANDATE, (IV) OBTAINING AGREEMENT OR COORDINATION CUG INTITIATIVE WITH OTHER OECD PROGRAMS. SVENONIUS (SWEDEN) ELECTED CHAIRMAN, MADE EXCELLENT IMPRESSION FOR COMPETENT AND FAIR HANDLING OF CONSTRUCTIVE BUT DIFFICULT MEETING. UNCLASSIFIED

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VICE-CHAIRMAN. US INTERVENTIONS (ISTVAN, NBS) MUCH APPRECIATED BY CUG AND SECRETARIAT. NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 25-26, 1974. END SUMMARY.

- 2. CONFERENCE ON COMPUTER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICIES, DAS/SPR/73.105. SEE MISSION CABLE REPORT ON FEB 5 MEETING OF STEERING GROUP, USOECD 3476. CUG AGREED WITH US POSITION THAT CONFERENCE ONLY APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE BY CST. FIRM APPROVAL WILL BE SOUGHT AT MARCH 19-20 CST MEETING ON BASIS OF RESTRUCTURED PAPER (REF B), PROBABLY FOR IMPLEMENTATION EARLY 1975.
- 3. 1975 WORK PROGRAM, DAS/SPR/74.13. CUG AGREED TO CONTINUE PROJECTS ON HEALTH SYSTEMS, URBAN MANAGEMENT AND DATA PROTECTION. HIGH INTEREST IN SEMINAR ON DATA PROTECTION, NOW SCHEDULED JUNE 25-26, 1974. PROJECT ON EDUCATION OF COMPUTER SPECIALISTS CONSIDERED COMPLETE, BUT MAY BE REVIVED FOR 1976 IMPLEMENTATION. EXPLORATORY WORK ON TWO NEW AREAS AGREED: (A) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLANNING PARAMETERS, I.E. ESTABLISHEMENT OF INDICATORS TO GUIDE RESOURCE ALLOCATION TO COMPUTER DEVELOPMENT: (B) FUTURE INNOVATIVE APPLICATIONS OF COMPUTERS, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE INITIALLY TO US PROPOSAL ON COMPUTERIZED AUTOMATIC REMOTE CONTROL FOR EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF ENERGY RESOURCES. STRONG GENERAL SUPPORT OF US PITCH TO IMPROVE CUG PROGRAM PREPARATION, AND ENHANCE CUG COORDINATION WITH OTHER OECD PROGRAMS. EQUALLY STRONG SUPPORT, HOWEVER, FOR SECRETARIAT PLEA THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES BE MORE ACTIVE IN GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY WHERE NEW PROPOSALS REQUIRE INITIAL INPUT TO ENSURE CORRECT ORIENTATION AND MOMENTUM.
- 4. PROPOSALS FOR NEW OBJECTIVES AND LONGER-TERM PROGRAM, DAS/SPR/74.9. SECRETARIAT WILL REVISE THIS PAPER IN LIGHT NUMEROUS CUG COMMENTS. SPECIFICALLY, MANDATE WILL BE BROADENED TO COMPUTER AND RELEVANT TECHNOLOGIES, REMOVING TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONSTRAINT AS PRESENTLY STATED. PAPER FOR RESUBMISSION TO CUG AT SEPT 25-26 MEETING. UNCLASSIFIED

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